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## BONNIE JEAN MACLEAN

JULY 1, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 3032]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3032) for the relief of Bonnie Jean MacLean, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor adopted child of citizens of the United States the status of a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Germany on April 23, 1951, and has been adopted by Lt. and Mrs. Wallace K. MacLean, who are citizens of the United States. Lieutenant MacLean is on duty with our Armed Forces in Germany.

Senator Styles Bridges, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
April 28, 1952.

Hon. PAT MCCARRAN,  
Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary,  
Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR PAT: I am seeking your cooperation in private legislation which I have introduced in behalf of Lt. and Mrs. Wallace K. MacLean of Warner, N. H., both American citizens now in Germany where Lieutenant MacLean is stationed with the Army.

Under date of March 5, 1952, Lieutenant MacLean wrote me, upon suggestion of the American vice consul at Munich, Germany, asking that I introduce private

legislation to permit he and Mrs. MacLean to bring their adopted daughter, Bonnie Jean, to the United States with them when he was to be rotated sometime during the last week in April.

In an effort to be sure that the proposal was a proper one, I wrote to Lieutenant MacLean requesting that he provide me with full details regarding his life history as well as that of Mrs. MacLean; I contacted local agencies of Government, and asked the cooperation of the Department of the Army in having Lieutenant MacLean prepare full and proper information for submission to the Congress.

Under the law, as I am advised, neither Lieutenant MacLean nor his wife could come to this country and obtain immediate preferential-quota treatment inasmuch as neither parent was the natural father or mother. They did have a registration number of 56,527 for a quota number, but the registration figure was so high that there was no hope whatever of the adoptive parents bringing their adopted daughter to the States with them when the foster father was due for rotation.

For your information, I have had digested and attached hereto the information contained on several prepared forms which were filled out by Lieutenant MacLean with the assistance of military legal advisers in Europe. You will note that the couple already has an adopted son, aged 3 years.

An identical bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honorable Norris Cotton of the Second New Hampshire Congressional District.

Your cooperation toward early action on this legislation will be appreciated. Any further information you may need will be furnished.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

STYLES BRIDGES.

Three enclosures.

APO 407, NEW YORK, N. Y.,

March 31, 1952.

Hon. STYLES BRIDGES,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I wish at this time to express Mrs. MacLean's and my appreciation for your cooperation and effort in our problem of bringing our adopted child to the States.

A representative of the Judge Advocate Section suggested I submit the enclosed forms pertaining to ourselves. These forms for adoption were submitted and processed through channels. Listed below is the information pertaining to our daughter:

Name: Bonnie Jean MacLean.

Name: (German) Eva Maria Schusterbauer.

Residence: Munich Military Post Service Center, Dachau, Germany.

Date and place of birth: April 23, 1951, Munich, Germany.

Nationality: German.

Race: White.

Hair: Medium blond.

Eyes: Blue.

Height: 30 inches.

Complexion: Light.

Final destination in the United States: Warner, N. H.

Mother's name: Miss Erna Schusterbauer.

Mother's address: 6 Theodor Fischer Street, Munich, Germany.

I am scheduled to return to the States the last week in April and hope this information will be sufficient to enable legislation to be passed on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

WALLACE K. MacLEAN,  
First Lieutenant.

#### QUESTIONANIRE FOR ADOPTING MOTHER

MARCH 31, 1952.

Thelma E. MacLean, service number as dependent [REDACTED], occupation housewife for 13 years. Born at Plymouth, Mass., on November 21, 1914. Married May 28, 1938, at Belmont, Mass., Has one child, boy age 3, adopted. No previous marriages. Medical history consists of an appendectomy in 1940 at Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. MacLean was employed as a sales clerk from 1942 to 1946 earning average annual salary of \$1,800. No outside income now. Religion is Protestant and attends regularly.

Reason for adopting the child: We adopted a little boy 2 years ago and desire a little girl to complete our family. After seeing this little baby, I wanted her for my own to give her the care and loving kindness to which she is entitled.

References: Col. George H. Bare, Munich Military Post Quartermaster, APO 407-A; Lt. Col. Basil E. Williams, Munich Military Post Quartermaster, OIC Installation, Branch, APO 407; Capt. David E. Myers (Chaplain), Munich Military Post Service Center, APO 407.

THELMA E. MacLEAN.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADOPTING FATHER

MARCH 31, 1952.

First Lt. Wallace K. MacLean, United States Army for 10 years, serial No. **XXXXXX**, earns approximately \$4,000 annually from his occupation; additional \$400 yearly from renting property. Born in Medford, Middlesex, Mass., on January 6, 1912. Married May 28, 1938, at Belmont, Mass. Has one child, boy, age 3, adopted. No previous marriages and no other dependents. No criminal convictions.

Owens a house at Warner, N. H., valued at \$6,500; encumbrances, New Hampshire Savings Bank. Extended fire insurance policy in the amount of \$5,500 paid up to July 1955, with the Fire Insurance Co., of Manchester, N. H. Has an individual savings account in the amount of \$500 with the Newport Savings Bank, Newport, N. H. Owns a house lot valued at \$200.

Religion is Protestant and attends regularly. Faith of child's parents is Catholic. The child was born April 23, 1951, girl, weighs 16 pounds and in good health.

Reason for adopting child: Upon seeing this baby and her personality it did not seem fair for her to be reared in a home without the loving care of parents. We already have one adopted child whom we dearly love. We have the same feeling for Bonnie Jean and are sure that both children will have every advantage parents can give their children.

References: Col. George H. Bare, MMP Quartermaster, APO 407-A; Lt. Col. Basil E. Williams, MMP Quartermaster, OIC Installation Branch, APO 407; Capt. David E. Myers (Chaplain), MMP Service Center, Qtrs. 19-A, APO 407.

Miscellaneous remarks: Although I was born in Massachusetts, I attended school in Warner, N. H., and own a home in the town. After graduating from Northeastern University I worked for Nashua Gummed and Coated Paper, living in Nashua until I came into the service in 1942.

WALLACE K. MacLEAN.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3082) should be enacted.

